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SUBJECT: LORAN A AND C-FUTURE OPERATIONS

1. MISSION IS IN RECEIPT OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF OBSERVATION  
AND QUERY, SAME SUBJECT, AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE 1. SACLANT HAS RECENTLY DECLARED THAT LORAN A  
WILL NO LONGER HAVE A VALID NATO MINIMUM MILITARY REQUIREMENT  
AFTER 1975. THIS WILL CAUSE THE DELETION FROM THE NATO INVENTORY  
AND THE DETERMINATION OF RESIDUAL VALUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
AC/4-D/1085 (FINAL).

2. WE ARE AWARE THAT SOME OF THE LORAN A SITES, FOR  
INSTANCE BO, JAN MEYEN, SANDUR ARE CO-LOCATED WITH US FUNDED  
LORAN C SITES. IN THE EVENT OF SACLANT DECLARING THAT LORAN C  
IS A NATO MINIMUM MILITARY REQUIREMENT, THE QUESTION ARISES  
AS TO:

A. WHAT EXISTING LORAN A FACILITIES AND  
UTILITIES CAN BE TRANSFERRED OR ARE PRESENT SHARED WITH  
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LORAN C OPERATION.

B. WHETHER OR NOT THE US AUTHORITIES WILL  
AGREE TO DECLARE THE CO-LOCATED AND OTHER STATIONS IN THE  
SACLANT AREA AS EXISTING FACILITIES, OR ALTERNATIVELY GIVE

A GUARANTEE OF CONTINUING USE FOR NATO.

3. THESE ANSWERS WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE INFRA-STRUCTURE ELIGIBILITY OF POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS AND CERTAIN TYPES OF REPAIRS AS WELL AS THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN NATO USERS NATIONS AND THE US ON O&M COSTS, AS PRESENTLY EXIST FOR LORAN A.

4. IRRESPECTIVE OF SACLANT'S DECLARATION ON THE MINIMUM MILITARY REQUIREMENT FOR LORAN C, THE RESIDUAL VALUE FOR ALL LORAN A SITES--INCLUDING THE CO-LOCATED SITES AFTER 1975--SHOULD BE DETERMINED, PARTICULARLY SINCE THERE WILL POSSIBLY BE A CONTINUING NATIONAL MILITARY USE AND/OR CIVILIAN USE. ACCORDING TO NORMAL NATO RULES ON DELETED FACILITIES AND BASED ON THE RESIDUAL USE AND VALUE, A RE-PURCHASE BY THE REMAINING USER NATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED.  
END QUOTE.

2. IN LIGHT OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE US MAY HAVE A NON-MILITARY REQUIREMENT, AND BEING MINDFUL ALSO OF CO-LOCATION OF LORAN A AND LORAN C, REQUEST GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO FUTURE USE AND/OR DISPOSITION, AND SHARING OF COSTS. WILL THE OPERATION OF LORAN A CONTINUE AFTER THE SUMMEER PF 1975?  
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